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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: SWAZILAND'S TENTH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

REF: STATE 12/23/77 TELEGRAM

FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF MBABANE 2601 SENT DEPARTMENT 9/13/77:
QUOTE

1. SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT THIS YEAR ELIMINATED USUAL DAY-LONG
SPECTACLE COMMEMORATING INDEPENDENCE ON GROUND THAT SAVINGS
WOULD BE APPLIED TOWARD EXTRA-SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS FOR
TENTH ANNIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1978.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT, IN PLANNING FOR
FY 1978 CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS IN AFRICA, WILL ARRANGE FOR
TWO-DAY VISIT TO SWAZILAND BY SMALL MUSICAL GROUP. PRE-
FERENCES ARE INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL IN THAT ORDER. GROUP'S
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ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE FEW AS POSSIBLE. ALSO,
LIMITED CARGO SPACE ON NON-JET PLANES ON MBABANE-JOHANNES-
BURG RUN RULES OUT LARGE ASSEMBLY OF DRUMS, ETC.

3. US IS ONE OF ONLY FOUR COUNTRIES WITH RESIDENT
MISSIONS IN SWAZILAND. OUR FAILURE TO PROVIDE CULTURAL
INPUT FOR TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WILL THEREFORE

BE MORE NOTICEABLE THAN IN SOME OTHER CAPITALS,
ESPECIALLY WITH DECLARED USG INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT'S
PLANNING FOR TRAVEL OR GROUPS THAT COULD BE DIVERTED TO
MBABANE FOR TWO DAYS IN PERIOD SEPTEMBER 5-7, 1978.
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